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LET US HAVE PEACE.

Thursday night witnessed an exciting
close of one of the most rousing cam-
paigns that was ever experienced in this
town. Annexation to Newark was the
issue, and it was defeated. The vote
was a large one, and was a fair test of
public opinion on that important question.
There is no disputing of the
assertion that about all that could be said
pro and con upon the subject at issue
was laid before the voters in the way of
pamphlets and speeches.

In the face of all that was said and
done, the inference is justifiable that the
majority of the people did not want an-
nexation. The reasons that led to the
conclusion pronounced at the polls may
have varied with individual voters, but
they tended to collectively unite a large
portion of the community in making
common cause against annexation.

Many of the people who fought shoulder
to shoulder Thursday will be apart
next Tuesday, when local issues of a
different character will demand the
exercise of the right to vote.

One lesson has been learned from the
recent annexation agitation, and that is
that it is one of the most dangerous and
disagreeable issues that can be brought
before the public. The moral phases of
the issue are the features of it that
weigh more with many people than the
mere matter of a few dollars in taxes
and the peace and welfare of the com-
munity is sadly disturbed when the
people are at odds over moral issues.
Many people sincerely believed that it
would be unwise from a moral stand-
point for Bloomfield to be annexed to
Newark. Certain conditions with
respect to Sabbath observance and the
excise question were known to exist in
Newark and would be extended here if
annexation prevailed. In some people's
estimation it was difficult to understand
how any one known to personally favor
and advocate law and order could con-
sistently advocate annexation.

The matter of public school education
also entered largely into the campaign,
and there appeared to be no doubt
among men experienced in educational
work that the public school system, as
at present conducted, was superior to
the facilities that would prevail under
the annexation. This phase of the
question was another one by which not
a few voters were not willing to sacrifice
a superior system for what they
considered an inferior one, even if
money was to be saved by it. Then
there was the sentimental question of
home rule, which will always prove
more or less of a barrier to annexation
movements.

Now that the question of annexation
has been squarely fought out at the
polls, and not likely to be brought up
again for some time, the policy now to
be pursued is for all citizens to unite in
the cause of good and economic local
government.

Obstructionists in the Courts.

Chief Justice Gummere promptly sat
down upon the application for a writ of
certiorari by certain persons in Bloom-
field to tie the hands of the Town Council
in the matter of issuing bonds for the
purchase of a water supply plant, the
action of the Council having been
ordered by the people in a special election
recently held.

The courts have been used on too
many occasions by small, disgruntled
minorities or selfish minor interests to
block, delay and if possible defeat
needed public improvements. At this
time, the trunk sewer law, so urgently
demanded by the overwhelming majority
of the people of the Passaic valley, is
hung up in the courts and the commis-
sion appointed under the law is made
inactive to act.

The courts have, in fact, too readily
lent themselves to the purposes of mere
obstructionists and against the plainest
dictates of public policy. Chief Justice
Gummere's action gives promise of a
wholesome change in that respect.—
Newark Daily Advertiser.

Glassware that is not at its best is
easily out of place at a wedding. The
best glassware may be found at the
Dorflinger Glass Store, 3 & 5 West 19th
St., near 5th Avenue, and 36 Murray
St., New York.—*advt.*

Violin and piano instruction at
supt's home or teacher's residence.
For terms address William J. Maier,
No. 47 Fairmount Avenue, Newark,
N. J.—*advt.*

East Orange Board of Education.
At a recent meeting of the East Orange
Board of Education a resolution was
adopted which puts in force something
like a tenure of office regulation,
or provides for a continuoous contract
with the principal now in office. The
resolution is as follows:

"Any principal, after three years of
continuous service, may be appointed to
serve at the pleasure of the board by a
unanimous vote, and may be dismissed
after a fair and impartial hearing by a
majority vote."

All of the principals have held office
for at least three years. The board will
probably formally appoint the principals
under the new rule between now and
June 1. Another important resolution
was passed on the recommendation of
the Teachers' Committee, proving that
the maximum salary to be paid in de-
partmental rooms in grammar schools
should be \$800 a year, and in all grades
below, \$725 a year. Heretofore salaries in
the departmental rooms have ranged
from \$725 to \$750, and in the lower
grades from \$675 to \$700. This resolu-
tion was passed in order that the scheme
of grading salaries by the merit system,
which has been followed out in East
Orange, might be better carried out.

Teachers will be advanced at the
ratio of \$25 a year, according to ability
and merit, not time of service. Superintendent
Davey said that he did not
think that the change would amount to
a large increase in the salary list. The
board decided what teachers now serving
in the schools should be tendered re-
appointments, and notice was ordered sent
to them. There are very few teachers
who will not be offered reappointment,
and most of those who will drop out
will do so because of approaching mar-
riage.

Sunday Games Discussed.

The Belleville Wheelmen on Thursday
night elected officers and received the
annual report of Treasurer J. H. Coeyman,
which showed a balance in the treasury.
The officers are: President, Milton Webster;
Vice-President, Robert Brett; Secretary, H. P. Smith; Treasurer,
J. H. Coeyman; Trustees, Louis Hodgkinson, Gustave Meyer, H. H. Morgan
and D. J. Kennison.

About twenty members attended the
session, which was enlivened toward the
close by a declaration of a member to
the effect that he favored the playing of
such games as at the club-house Sunday
as would not cause annoyance to neighbors.

All games are now forbidden by a
rule of the house committee. There was
objection to the proposition from several,
and one claimed that opening the
house to one game meant allowing all
games, since the club could hardly
discriminate if it broke the precedent.

Still another member said he favored
allowing bowling, too, if billiards, pool
and other games were permitted.

During the discussion there had been cries
of "Move we adjourn" and "Out of order."
The motion to adjourn was finally
passed and carried without the Sunday
games matter being regularly brought
before the meeting. Those who favor
the proposition declare they will con-
tinue the agitation until the issue is
decided once and for all.

Town Council.

The Town Council held a brief session
Monday night. A letter from the H. B.
Wiggins' Son Company, proprietors of
the large manufacturing plant at Wat-
ersong, was read by the clerk. It was an
invitation to the members of the
Council, the Chief of the Fire Depart-
ment and the foreman of each fire com-
pany to inspect the plant and familiarize
themselves with the place, so that in
case of fire they would know exactly
where to go and what to do. The invitation
was accepted.

Chief of Police Collins reported ten
arrests last month and \$20 collected in
fines. The annual reports of Clerk Johnson,
Collector Foster and Treasurer Osborne
were received, as well as that of Chief
Engineer Higgin of the Fire Depart-
ment. The latter shows that during the
year there were twenty two bell alarms
and two still alarms. The estimated
loss by fire was \$5,770, and the insur-
ance paid thereon was \$5,720. There are
fifty men in the department and eleven
officers.

Money in Scrap Heaps.

Many thousands of dollars are saved
to the railroad companies each year by
detailing men to look after and care for
their scrap, the pieces of iron and steel
that fall off moving cars, that come
from abandoned machinery or from
broken pieces of equipment, says the
New York Sun.

Almost all of the big transportation
companies in the United States maintain
what they call scrap departments. At
two or three points on the road, generally
where there are any construction or
extensive repair shops, this scrap is gathered
from all parts of the system.

One of the duties of the track walkers
and repair gangs is to pick up and throw
in little heaps along the track all bits of
iron and steel that may be found along
the right way, or that may be left
whenever any piece of work is com-
pleted. At irregular intervals a scrap
train is sent over the road for the pur-
pose of gathering up these odds and
ends. They are taken to the gathering
point and there carefully sorted.

Some ingenious mechanics have de-
vised machinery to separate and handle
these scraps. After being run through
a sort of hopper that divides the small
and the large from the other different
sizes, men are put to work to pick out
from the various heaps what may again
be utilized. Bolts, nuts, bars, couplings
and the like, which may be used again,
are laid aside, later to be turned again
or worked over for further use. The
refuse, amounting to thousands of
pounds, is shipped to some iron works
that has a contract with the company
for using all this extra iron and steel.

This plan of systematically caring for
the waste iron of railroads is of recent
origin. It is one really of slow growth.
Of course, pieces of iron and steel,
waste material or the refuse of shops or
wrecks have been taken care of for years,
but only in a desultory and haphazard
way. It has remained for modern man-
agement, which is directed eternally to
discovering little new economies of oper-
ation, to unearth this novel idea of
saving money.

Cheered Up.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Since you shut me out of your
columns because of my liberal Sunday
views—at the behest, I presume, of "A
Bloomfield Christian"—I have been sulking
in my tent in your neighboring bor-
ough. But I am cheered up now, and
shall hold up my head once more. Last
Saturday night I visited your town and
dropped into Central Hall to hear Samuel
J. MacDonald say the annexers, which
he did with neatness and dispatch, ex-
cept on one point. When he came to
that part of his argument wherein he
saw avalanches or vice coming from
Newark to overwhelm the Bloomfield
Christians, he said that if Bloomfield
were annexed to Newark we should have
Sunday base-ball in the former place.
The hall was crowded, as you know, and
every one of those present, I should say,
except myself, shouted, "Good! We
want it!"

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Very truly yours,
E. M. MACDONALD,
GLEN RIDGE, N. J., April 4.

Fair and Square Fight.

The devotees of Bloomfield, by their bal-
lots yesterday, after one of the most
bitter popular contests ever waged in
the old town, decided against annexation
to Newark. The vote cast was
phenomenally large, exceeding by 650
the total recorded last year at the regu-
lar election, and only sixty-eight less
than at the Presidential election in
1900. This makes it evident that the
will of the people was recorded, and it
cannot be claimed that the question
was decided in a snap manner and that
the stay-at-homes were responsible for
the result.—Newark News.

Bond Bids.

Bids for the water bonds were opened
by the Town Council Monday and the
bonds were awarded to Dick & Robinson
New York. The following are the
bids received: Kuntze Bros., \$91,590;
Dick & Robinson, \$92,734; J. D. Everitt
& Co., \$91,877.40; Farson, Leech & Co.,
\$91,500; N. O. Halsey & Co., \$91,741.50;
N. W. Harris & Co., \$91,590; G. W. Stew-
arts & Co., \$91,590.

Large Confirmation Class.

Bishop Lines administered the rite of
confirmation in Christ Episcopal Church
Easter Sunday morning to a class num-
bering fifty. Some of the class were
from Ascension Chapel in Montgomery
street. At the conclusion of the con-
firmation exercises Bishop Lines del-
ivered a sermon.

The Committee on Primaries and Con-
ventions of the Republican Executive
Committee has decided to hold primari-
es on May 2 for the election of dele-
gates to the State Convention, at which
delegates to the National Convention will
be chosen, and to the Eighth Congres-
sional District Convention, at which two
delegates to the National Convention
will be selected.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF the Bloomfield National Bank, at Bloom- field, in the State of New Jersey, at the close of business, March 28, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$326,409.90
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	43.81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	60,000.00
Bonds, stocks, etc.	164,261.43
Banking-house, furniture & fixtures.....	39,000.00
Due from National Banks (not re- serves agents).....	2,943.22
Due from State and Bankers.....	77.99
Due from approved reserve fund.....	367,174.74
Checks and other cash items.....	584.32
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,820.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	990.16
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ.	
Specie.....	52,554.10
Legal-tender notes.....	6,558.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas- urer (5 per cent. of circulation).....	59,109.10
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	39,500.82
National Bank notes outstanding.....	47,910.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	4,975.96
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	589.10
Due to Trust Companies and Sav- ings Banks.....	381.75
Individual deposits subject to check.....	856,946.61
Demand certificates of deposit.....	904.50
Certified checks.....	3,327.94
Total.....	\$1,016,111.68

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF ESSEX, 1904
LEWIS K. DODD, Cashier of the above-named
bank, do solemnly swear that the above state-
ment is true to the best of my knowledge and
belief.

LEWIS K. DODD, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th
day of April, 1904.

W. M. L. JOHNSON,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
THOS. OAKES,
G. LEE STOUT,
J. C. BEACH, Directors.

Interest Dividends Declared Jan. 1st and July 1st

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